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To: Users of State Supplied Vaccines

From: Jeffrey P. Davis, M.D.
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Subject: Availability of combined DTaP-Hep B-IPV vaccine (PEDIARIX™)

I am pleased to announce that Pediarix™, the new pentavalent vaccine (diphtheria toxoid, tetanus toxoid, acellular pertussis, hepatitis B and inactivated polio vaccines manufactured by GlaxoSmithKline (GSK), is now available through the Wisconsin Immunization Program. Please note the following:

- An updated Vaccine Order form (DPH 42000) that includes PEDIARIX™ is enclosed. If you plan to extensively use PEDIARIX™, please remember to administer most of your current supply of DTaP, Hep B and IPV vaccines to avoid wasting vaccine. Also, remember to order single antigen Hib vaccine since it is not included in PEDIARIX™.
- The Vaccine information Statements (VIS) used for this combination vaccine are the same VIS used for the individual vaccines administered separately.
- PEDIARIX™ has been added to the schedule of vaccines in the Wisconsin Immunization Registry.
- A copy of frequently asked questions regarding PEDIARIX™ is enclosed, www.cdc.gov/nip/vaccine/pediarix/pediarix-faqs-hcp.htm

For local public health department staff, a new "Immunizing Agent" page for PEDIARIX™ and an updated Table of Contents page has been developed for your Immunization Policy and Procedure Manual and is enclosed. Please add these pages to your Manual, remove the outdated Table of Contents pages and share the new information with your medical advisor. If your medical advisor wishes to make an exception to the pages, the exceptions must be sent to me for concurrence. If your medical advisor agrees with the information on these pages, no further action is required. The Vaccine Administration Record (DPH 4702) does not currently list PEDIARIX™. Until it is updated, please write in the vaccine name on the "other" line of this form..

If you have any questions regarding vaccine orders, please call Jackie Nelson, Vaccines for Children Coordinator at 608-266-1506 or Lynette Hanson at 608-267-5148.

Enclosures: Vaccine Order form
Table of Contents and PEDIARIX™ Immunizing Agent pages (local public health departments only)
Frequently asked questions about PEDIARIX™